

**CITY OF NORTHGLENN  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
May 10, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Leighty called a regular meeting of the Northglenn City Council to order on Monday, May 10, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting was held remotely with electronic participation by all members of the City Council.

**ROLL CALL** Present were: Mayor Leighty, Mayor Pro Tem Willford, Council members Witkovich, Peterson, Brown, Goff, Duran Mullica, and Esquibel.

**ABSENT** Council member Downing.

**STAFF PRESENT** City Manager Geyer, City Attorney Hoffmann, and City Clerk Small.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

**RESPONSE TO RESIDENT INQUIRY:** None.

**AGENDA ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS:** None.

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

Food Allergy Awareness Week  
Mayor Leighty read the proclamation proclaiming May 9-15, 2021 as Food Allergy Awareness Week in the City of Northglenn. Council member Ashley Witkovich accepted the proclamation and spoke about food allergies starting in adulthood and the importance of food allergy awareness.

National Economic Development Week  
Mayor Leighty read the proclamation proclaiming May 9-15, 2021 as National Economic Development Week in the City of Northglenn. Kim Woodworth, Operations Director for the Economic Development Council of Colorado, accepted the proclamation.

National Public Works Week  
Mayor Leighty read the proclamation proclaiming May 16-23, 2021 as National Public Works Week in the City of Northglenn. Kiran Bhusal, Public Works Civil Engineer I, accepted the proclamation.

National Historic Preservation Month  
Mayor Leighty read the proclamation proclaiming May 2021 as

Historic Preservation Month in the City of Northglenn. Council member Witkovich, who also serves as the Northglenn Historic Preservation Commission Ex-Officio Member, accepted the proclamation.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Dedicated Service  
Award – Lily Cunis

Mayor Leighty recognized Lily Cunis and thanked Lily for her service to the Northglenn Youth Commission. Lily thanked Council for the dedicated service award she received and also thanked Council for supporting the Youth Commission’s work.

**PUBLIC INVITED  
TO BE HEARD**

Mayor Leighty called for any person wishing to address City Council on matters of community interest related to City business not set for public hearing. There was no response.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Council

Council member Peterson reported he attended the Police Department Awards Ceremony and stated it was a great opportunity to learn more about the Department and the officers working for the City. Council member Peterson reported on the Community Co-Production Policing (CCPP) Advisory Board and stated they are continuing to hold the mini-academy training sessions as part of the Board’s orientation.

Council member Witkovich reported the Outside Agency Funding Committee met on April 27 and approved sponsorships for three fundraising events: Food for Hope’s Hope in the Air, Almost Home’s Blues, Brews & BBQ, and the Five Star Foundation’s Five Star Classic at Top Golf. Council member Witkovich encouraged Council to reach out to City Clerk Small if they are interested in attending the events.

Council member Goff reported on the Colorado Communities for Climate Action (CC4CA) meeting and stated the group continues to discuss pending legislation at the State.

Council member Duran Mullica reported on the Adams County Council of Governments (ADCOG) Transportation Subregional Committee meeting on April 28, 2021. She stated that, based on the Subcommittee’s success with transportation, the group discussed expanding the scope of the Subcommittee or creating similar subcommittees to work on regional issues such as homelessness and opioid addiction. Council member Duran Mullica provided information about the Subcommittee’s discussion regarding a transportation study for Adams County to address local issues and

solutions. She noted the Subcommittee will discuss both issues further at their meeting in June.

Council member Esquibel reported he and Mayor Pro Tem Willford will host a virtual Ward 4 meeting on Thursday, May 13, 2021.

Mayor Pro Tem Willford encouraged residents to join them online for the virtual Ward 4 meeting on Thursday from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Willford reported she and City Manager Geyer attended a regional task force meeting on human trafficking relating to massage parlors, and stated there may be some action items to consider that City Manager Geyer might share at some point.

Mayor Pro Tem Willford reported on the Legislative Policy Committee meeting, and stated the Committee took positions on the following bills: SB21-256 – Local Regulation of Firearms – support; SB21-252 – Community Revitalization Grant Program – support; (Not introduced yet) Outstanding Judgement Warrants (OJW) – oppose. City Attorney Hoffmann provided additional information about the OJW bill. HB21-1250 – Measures to Address Law Enforcement Accountability – asked staff to provide information about the bill. Mayor Pro Tem Willford provided information about SB21-260 – Sustainability of the Transportation System (Transportation Funding) and stated the Committee did not take a position on the bill. She asked Council to provide feedback to assist the Committee before they take a position, and stated she will share a cheat sheet with Council regarding the proposed legislation.

Mayor Leighty reported the Transportation Funding bill was the main topic at the last Metro Mayors meeting she attended. Mayor Leighty reported she attended the Police Department Awards Ceremony and stated it was a wonderful event. She reported it was great to attend the swearing-in ceremony for recently-promoted Lieutenants Rice and Lauck. Mayor Leighty stated she recently stayed at the remodeled Delta by Marriott and stated it is a very nice facility. She noted the hotel now includes a Tony Roma's restaurant, which will open on Friday, and inquired about a ribbon-cutting event for the restaurant. Mayor Leighty congratulated all of the graduating seniors in Adams 12. Mayor Leighty reported she attended the Adams County Tri-County Health Department call on Thursday and spoke about the mask guidelines and mandates for private businesses including restaurants.

Staff

City Manager Geyer thanked all of the Public Works staff in the various divisions at the City for their efforts in honor of National Public Works Week.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

March 2021 Update

Jason Loveland, Director of Finance, provided a financial report for the period ending March 31, 2021. Mr. Loveland spoke about revenue and expenditures in the General Fund, Water and Wastewater Fund, Stormwater Fund, Sanitation Fund, Conservation Trust Fund, and Capital Projects Fund. Mr. Loveland also reported on the City's cash reserves and sales tax revenue.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION TO PASS**

Council member Brown **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Mayor Pro Tem Willford to approve the consent agenda.

**MOTION PASSED**

There was no discussion and the motion **PASSED**.

IN FAVOR - Leighty, Willford, Witkovich, Peterson, Brown, Goff, Duran Mullica, Esquibel.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Downing.

The following items were approved on the consent agenda:

- April 26, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes
- CR-51 – Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Reappointment – Paul Weinrauch
- CR-52 – Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Reappointment – David Swayze
- CR-53 – Second Amendment to MOU for the Civic Center P3 Master Developer

**RESOLUTIONS:**

CR-54 – Partners in Energy Electric Vehicle Plan MOU

City Clerk Small read the title.

**MOTION TO PASS**

Mayor Pro Tem Willford **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Brown to approve CR-54.

Brook Svoboda, Director of Planning and Development, provided a summary of CR-54.

**MOTION PASSED**

There was discussion and the motion **PASSED**.

IN FAVOR - Leighty, Willford, Witkovich, Peterson, Brown, Goff, Duran Mullica, Esquibel.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Downing.

CR-55 – School Zone Improvements – Hillcrest Elementary

City Clerk Small read the title.

**MOTION TO PASS**

Council member Brown **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Mayor Pro Tem Willford to approve CR-55.

Kent Kisselman, Director of Public Works, provided a summary of CR-55.

**MOTION PASSED**

There was discussion and the motion **PASSED**.

IN FAVOR - Leighty, Willford, Witkovich, Peterson, Brown, Goff, Duran Mullica, Esquibel.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Downing.

CR-56 – Thornton  
Northglenn Eastlake  
Avenue Relocation IGA

City Clerk Small read the title.

**MOTION TO PASS**

Council member Brown **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Peterson to approve CR-56.

Brook Svoboda, Director of Planning and Development, provided a summary of CR-56.

**MOTION PASSED**

There was no discussion and the motion **PASSED**.

IN FAVOR - Leighty, Willford, Witkovich, Peterson, Brown, Goff, Duran Mullica, Esquibel.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Downing.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Code Enforcement  
Level of Service  
Implementation Plan

Brook Svoboda, Director of Planning and Development, presented an overview of the implementation plan for Code Enforcement's level of service. Mr. Svoboda provided information about the plan's components including a criteria-based approach for reprioritization of enforcement, engagement and education strategies, hardship mitigation programming, conflict resolution management, and diversity, equity, and inclusivity integration.

Ward 4 Council  
Election Process

City Attorney Hoffmann provided information about the options for electing the Ward 4 City Council members at the November 2, 2021 regular municipal election. City Attorney Hoffmann stated Option 1 would follow statutory guidance and would elect the two Ward 4 positions separately with two candidate questions, one for the four-year term and one for the two-year term. He stated Option 2 would

require a special ordinance to be adopted to authorize the election of both Ward 4 positions with one candidate question in which the candidate with the highest number of votes receives the four-year term and the candidate with the second-highest number of votes receives the two-year term.

There was discussion and it was the consensus of Council to use Option 1 for the election of Ward 4 Council member positions at the November 2, 2021 election.

Homelessness Community  
Task Force Update

Rupa Venkatesh, Assistant to the City Manager, provided City Council with an update on the Homelessness Community Task Force, which included the Task Force's work to address the following barriers for people experiencing homelessness: identification, community stigma, physical address, transportation, food access after-hours, and housing and shelter.

There was discussion regarding resources for individuals needing a place to store their belongings, the Amazon resource for donating supplies, and using federal stimulus funding to address homelessness issues.

**PUBLIC INVITED  
TO BE HEARD**

Mayor Leighty called for any person wishing to speak on items previously addressed by Council. There was no response.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The City Council meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

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JOHANNA SMALL, CMC  
City Clerk

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MEREDITH LEIGHTY  
Mayor